



# The New Castle Crier

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Battery  
Park  
Beach  
Clean-up April 17th



## City News

The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., April 13th  
Via Zoom Conferencing  
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City Offices will be  
closed on  
Fri., April 2nd  
in observance of  
Good Friday  
Revised Recycle  
Pick-up Schedule

CITYWIDE  
Recycle Pick-up  
Thursday, April 1st  
No Recycle Pick-up  
Friday April 2nd.



**CITY ELECTION 2021!**  
**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**  
Election Day  
Saturday, April 10th.  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Castle Senior Center  
**TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:**  
contact the Absentee Ballot Clerk, Diane  
Delgado at 322-9804, or in person at 220  
Delaware Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30  
p.m.

**NOTE:** For this election only, due to the  
COVID-19 pandemic, all registered City of  
New Castle voters are eligible to vote by  
absentee ballot. When completing the  
application for an absentee ballot, check  
the box indicating "I am sick or disabled."

**COVID-19 Guidelines:** All voters are  
strongly encouraged to wear a mask to the  
polling place, abide by social distancing  
recommendations, and practice good  
COVID-19 hygiene. If you are unable to  
wear a mask please consider voting by  
mail with an Absentee Ballot.

Affidavits for Absentee Ballots are  
available from the City Office during  
normal business hours, Monday - Friday  
from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Added dates and times when Affidavits for  
Absentee Ballots and State Voter  
Registration will be available from the  
City Office are: Tuesday, March 23rd from  
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March  
27th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. \*State Voter  
Registration is available at the City Office  
during normal business hours; the  
deadline to register to vote in the Election  
is Monday, April 5th.

April 9th at 12 noon is the deadline to  
request an affidavit for Absentee Ballots  
from the City Administration office, 220  
Delaware Street.

April 9th at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for  
Absentee Ballots to be turned in to the City  
Office. Absentee Ballots may also be  
brought to the polling place on the day of  
the Election.

## March & April Events

The Easter Sunrise Service at the Wharf and the Easter  
Parade on the Green have been cancelled for this year.

### New Castle Historical Society Offers Spring Webinar Series

The New Castle Historical Society's Spring Webinar Series  
starts in March.

- March 31st, 7 pm: *Delaware's Struggle for Women's  
Right to Vote* with Ann Boylan and Emily Green
- April 7, 7 pm: *Beautiful Native Plants for Year-Round  
Interest* with Nancy Bell
- April 21, 7 pm: *A Fortress...Which the Hollanders Call  
Fort Casimir* with Wade Catts

All webinars are free, but require advance registration.  
For more information and to register visit  
newcastlehistory.org. Webinars are made possible, in part,  
by a grant from the M&T Charitable Foundation.

### New Castle Public Library 424 Delaware Street

The library is inviting our patrons and members of the  
community to "Broadway: The Golden Era," a virtual  
music performance which will be taking place on  
Thursday, April 8 at 6:30pm. Join Jeff Cooper and Glenn  
Pearson, also known as Notes on the Beach, as they

present both an educational and entertaining program  
about the great songs and composers from this era in  
American Music. There will be narration, storytelling, and  
plenty of tunes.

This event will be broadcast over Zoom and on the  
library's Facebook page. To register, call the library at  
(302) 328-1995, or visit the New Castle County Virtual  
Events calendar at [www.delawarelibraries.libcal.com/  
calendar/virtuallibraryevents](http://www.delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/virtuallibraryevents). Those who wish to attend  
will be given the Zoom link upon registration. For more  
information, feel free to give the library a call.

### Looking ahead to May Market May 7th & 8th

Are you looking for the perfect plant for a special corner of  
your garden? How about a bargain, or the  
perfect Mother's Day gift? You'll find all this and  
more at May Market, a New Castle tradition held  
on the first Friday and Saturday of May.  
Free expert gardening advice is available and  
credit cards are accepted. Proceeds benefit the gardens of  
New Castle's historic Amstel and Dutch Houses. Social  
distancing and mask rules will be in place.

**Please note: Due to the Covid situation all events are  
subject to change or cancelation.**



*New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!*

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!



## Trustees Announce Annual Education Grant Fund

The "Trustees of New Castle Common Education Grant Fund" was established in 1983 for eligible residents of the City New Castle.

An applicant must be a senior in high school or a recent high school graduate who is entering freshman year in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a **full-time** student in the coming September.

The grants are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle. High school seniors must provide an acceptance letter from a college or university in order to be considered for the Grant. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

Funded applicants from previous years **who continue to be a student in good standing** are invited to reapply.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Commons, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle or online at [trusteesncc.org](http://trusteesncc.org). Please call 322-2809 with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle.

**Please note the application and necessary information must be received by the Education Grant Committee no later than July 1, 2021.**

**Annual New Castle Beach Clean Up!**  
**Sponsored by the**  
**New Castle Sailing Club**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**  
**Saturday, April 17th**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**  
**(Rain or Shine)**



Help clean up the winter debris from the Battery Park Beach area. Groups and individuals are welcome to help pick up the trash and debris that has accumulated this winter so we can enjoy this beautiful park this season! Wear old sturdy shoes, and bring gloves. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. **All volunteers are asked to wear a mask and abide by social distancing recommendations.** For additional information and updates on the status of this or any city event go to [www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/events-happenings](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/events-happenings).



## A New City Flag

At their March 9th meeting the New Castle City Council passed Resolution 2021-10, a

**Resolution to adopt a new flag for the City of New Castle. With input from (NAVA) the North American Vexillological Association and using the 2018 Branding standards, New Castle has a flag which honors its historic past and foresees a bright future.**

**The flag features the City shield showing the four flags that have flown over the City of New Castle. Can you name them?**



## The Kalmar Nyckel to Make Three Special Appearances in Historic New Castle

Mark your calendars! The Tall Ship Kalmar Nyckel is scheduled to make several stops in Historic New Castle this year. Dates and times are subject to change.

**June 4th – June 12th**

**August 6th – August 16th**

**October 24th – October 27th**

Get updated information on the Kalmar Nyckel and her scheduled visits at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov), on the Events & Tall Ships page.

## Code Enforcement Corner

**Code Enforcement** helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes. Complaint forms are available on the City website at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov), or in the City offices; or call the Code Officer at 221-6507.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:** The City of New Castle is cooperating with the State of Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife to maximize mosquito control in the area in an effort to combat mosquito borne diseases. The City will aggressively enforce City health codes that require the elimination of standing water, such as in tires or buckets.



Springtime is a great time to do a thorough property check, look for potential areas for mosquito breeding, such as tires, buckets or tubs, anywhere water can collect and stagnate. Eliminating these types of areas will go a long way this summer to help with mosquito control.